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Catching Codfish Through the Ice.

During the past week the catching of codfish under the ice created considerable interest among young and old at Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F. All the way from Corner Brook to Meadows Point the jigger has been very much in evidence. A great many fish have been taken, and in some cases the fish were of a large size.

Herring Scarce at Bay of Islands.

Herring have become scarce again in Middle Arm, Bay Islands, N. F., the fish having moved out into the deep water during the late cold spurt. Nothing has been done with the herring fishery this winter at Woods Island or in Humber arm.

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SEAL FISHERY DANGERS.

St. Johns, April 3.—The sealers Adventure, with 31,000 seals, and Aurora, with 28,000 seals, arrived here last night. The former had her bows started and the latter's stern was crushed by contact with ice floes. They report that steamer Neptune has 60 men of her crew of 200 badly frostbitten. Other crews also suffered.

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Good Stock.

Sch. Oaato, Capt. Henry Larkin, stocked \$1880 as the result of her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$50.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, via Boston, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Arcadia, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Illinois, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Maryland, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Raymah, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Boothbay Harbor, Me.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.00 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

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Boston.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 2500 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Evangeline, 1500 cod.
Sch. Reliance, 1500 cod.
Sch. George H. Lube, 11,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mary Cabral, 6000 haddock.
Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Magnolia, 3500 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 1500 haddock, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Spray, 100,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 lbs. flounders.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 2500 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 1200 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Angie Watson, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Buema, 12,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 3000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 25,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 4000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$1.50; hake, \$3; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavy, arrived here from Boothbay Harbor last night. She will go on the ways today and sail south seining Thursday.

Capt. Norman A. Ross will command sch. Selma in the southern mackerel seining fishery and will begin to fit her as soon as she arrives from her haddocking trip.

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A GREAT SURPRISE.

Steam Otter Trawler Spray Here This Morning.

BRINGS MOST OF FARE TO SPLIT

Had Many Visitors at Cunningham & Thompson's Wharf.

The steam otter trawler Spray, which arrived at Boston yesterday with a fare of 130,000 pounds of fresh fish, was unable to get all of trip out at T wharf on account of the dullness of the market, and was forced to bring about 90,000 pounds to this port to split.

The Spray came down last night and hauled in at Cunningham & Thompson's wharf, that firm buying the fare. This morning the craft was visited by hundreds, who went all over her and gave her a thorough inspection. The craft and everything about her is decidedly English.

It was a decided novelty to see the buckets of fish being hauled from the hold by steam power, but this is the way the Spray discharges a big winch near the main hatch doing the business.

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After taking out her fare, the craft will return to Boston and fit out for another trip. It seems to be the general opinion of the men of the Spray that she will continue with the otter trawl until summer, and that eventually she will be found in the halibut fishery on this or the Pacific coast.

The fact that the Spray had to come down here with the greater part of her fare and that the greater part of the stockholders are in the fish business on T wharf shows how dull the fresh fish market is at present. When she started [in] fall, those who were confident that she would be a success and run in a trip a week would have scoffed at the idea that before the winter was over, she would come to Gloucester with the biggest part of a fare to split.

The crew of the Spray have done pretty well. They are paid by the month, the compensation for the 30 days being \$50. All on board are on salary, so they have made a comfortable winter's work. It is understood that in this direction only has the Spray been a paying investment.

One thing which operates against her is the difference in the price of fish from the vessel here and in New England. Take a trip like the last one, 130,000 pounds. Here it excites little or no comment, being taking as a matter of course, but across the pond, it would have been an extraordinary haul, and on it the Spray would have stocked at least \$6000, and if she had struck a good market it would have been good for over \$8000. Here if she stocks \$1200 this time, she will get all there is in it.

The Spray had also a number of the curious cucumber fish which excited to much curiosity after her last trip. As on her former trips her nets were badly torn, and one of them was practically destroyed. Her fish were in much better condition than those she brought in on any other trip, the haddock showing but little scaling.

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FIRST FOR THE RIPS.

Sch. Olympia, Advance Guard of Fleet, Sails Today.

Sch. Olympia sailed Rips fishing this forenoon. She is the first vessel to sail for this branch of the fishery this season and is the advance guard of a big fleet of "drifters," many of whom are now fitting.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 14,000 lbs. salt cod, 8000 lbs. fresh fish, 7000 lbs. halibut.

Steam Otter Trawler Spray, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Catherine G. Howard, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Mineola, shore.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt fish, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Avalon, south seining.

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Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 55,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Francis Whalen, 55,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 32,000 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1400 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Rapidan, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 8000 haddock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Jennie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 8000 halibut.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.

Sch. Marian, 5000 cod.

Haddock, \$1 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.25; hake, \$1.75 to \$4; cusk, \$2 halibut, 8 and 6 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Hiram Lowell will now be fitted for the salt bank cod fishery under command of Capt. David Morrissey.

Capt. Jerry Cook is fitting sch. Hattie M. Graham for the southern mackerel fishery.

Capt. Jason Daley will now fit sch. Muriel for the southern mackerel seining fishery.

Sch. Arthur Binney of Boston will engage in the southern mackerel fishery under command of Capt. Rufus McKay.

Sch. Fame of Boston, which will be commanded by Capt. Alex. McLoud of this port, came from Boston yesterday afternoon to fit out for south seining.

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Mackerel Notes.

Some of the small mackerel caught Sunday by Capt. Solomon Jacobs in the waters south of New York, arrived at Boston yesterday morning by express. The mackerel are what are known in the trade as "tinkers," but as they are the first of the season they bring a good price. There were about 1000 fish in the share sent to Boston, and they will average in weight about a half pound each.

In reference to the Cornish mackerel fishery reports from Newlyn state that up till now the fishing is the lightest for some years and very few boats have earned anything like their expenses. Foreign markets have been dull, especially Paris, owing to a fair supply of mackerel having been landed at Boulogne by some French trawlers; as many as 70,000 mackerel have been landed there in a day just lately. By reports from steamers good fishing is to be expected, and an appreciable lowering in prices may be looked for.

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OBLIGED TO
RAISE PRICE.

Ice for Vessels Will Be
Three Dollars Per Ton.

BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY.

Increase of Railroad Rates Given
as the Cause.

On and after Monday next, the price for ice to vessels will be \$3 per ton, instead of \$2, as formerly. This announcement was made this morning by the representatives of the Fishermen's Endowed Ice Company, and the Cape Pond Ice Company, the two large wholesale ice concerns of the Cape. This action was decided upon this forenoon at a conference of the two concerns.

The concerns were trying to hold to the old price of \$2 per ton, for the season, but the action of the railroad company in raising the transportation rates compelled them to take action and raise the price.

This season the Fernwood Lake Ice Company has cut but 1000 tons of ice at Fernwood Lake, and this compels them to seek their supply in New Hampshire. The Cape Pond Ice Company also cut about 1000 tons, but this will be used for the retail trade. This concern also has some ice left over from last year, but the amount is insignificant, when compared to what the demand will be.

The Boston & Maine has notified these concerns that from now on the rate of transportation will be increased. The Fernwood Lake Ice Company has received notice that the rate of freight from Lakeport, N. H., where they get their ice, has been increased from 70 cents to \$1 per ton.

This also will affect Mr. William A. Romans, who secures his ice 14 miles farther up the line, at Wolfboro, N. H., and he has been notified that the rate from there hereafter will be \$1.25 per ton.

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BRITISH SCH. LOTTIE.

Brings Cargo of Frozen Herring to
Rockport.

Sch. Lottie of Lunenburg, N. S., arrived at Rockport from her home port this morning with 180,000 pounds of frozen herring, beside a quantity of fish skins and fish scraps. The herring are consigned to the Atlantic Fisheries Company and will be put in the Rockport freezer.

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Fine Stock.

Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowrie, weighed out 150,075 pounds of fresh fish as the result of her recent haddock trip, the stock being \$2113.75, the crew sharing \$57.36.

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Sch. Jessie Costa, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Florida, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. Elna L. Spurling, shore.

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